

Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2005

Board Members Present:

Deborah Malone, L.Ac., Chairman
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac., Professional Member
Don Nichols, Public Member
Young Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member
Cesare Quintana, D.C., Professional Member
Lal Fernando, Public Member
Joe Balensi, L.Ac. (Joined the meeting at 1:04 by teleconference)

Board Members Absent:

Martha Grout, MD, Professional Member

Attorney General Representative:

Elizabeth Burns, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Allen Imig, Executive Director

1. Call To Order

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m and welcomed Lal Fernando to the Board. He has been appointed by Governor Napolitano to serve as a public member and replaces Mrs. Joan Heskett.

2. Review, discuss, and vote – Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the April 27, 2005 regular meeting minutes. Dr. Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

3. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

No complaints were reviewed.

4. Consideration of Applicants for Licensure – Review, Discussion and Action

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve licensure for:

Sherri J. Taylor
Diane M. Notarianni
Peggy J. Meents
Woohyung Cho
Jennifer R. Aquilina
Ellen Vaughn
Albert Hsu
Renee V. Stanfield

Dr. Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

5. Consideration of Applicants for Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve certification for:

Sue Tham

Mr. Balensi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

6. Consideration of Other Applications – Review, Discussion and Action

Continuing Education: Eleven hours; Longevity & Anti-Cancer Qi Gong Healing. Instructor: Master Weizhao Wu. The seminar will be held June 4 and 5, 2005 at the Sedona Creative Life Center.

The Board reviewed the application and supporting documentation. Chairman Malone made a motion to grant eleven hours of continuing education.

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

7. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

A. Legislation update

There was no discussion

B. Rules update – for the Committee meeting of May 8, 2005

Mr. Imig provided an update regarding the committee meeting discussion. He stated that there were minor changes in Article 1 at Rule R4-8-201(2) regarding the application and initial certificate fees, and Rule R4-8-203(2) in which the word “One” will be stricken. At the end of 2(b) the word “and” will be inserted to show that if an applicant is also licensed in another state they must submit both documentation of certification by NCCAOM and verification of practice in another state, district, or territory of the United States. Mr. Imig stated that the committee will meet again by teleconference on June 3, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. E-mails will be sent confirming the meeting.

C. Chairman Malone announced that Mr. Imig had accepted another position and would be leaving the Board. She expressed her thanks on behalf of the Board for all that he accomplished. The Board discussed the executive director search process.

D. Chairman Malone and Mr. Imig agreed to serve on the Personnel Committee. Mr. Imig stated that an advertisement announcing the position opening had been sent to Human Resources. He agreed to review resumes and submit 3-5 to the Committee for their consideration

and interview. There was general consensus that the top three candidates would be reviewed by the full Board.

8. Chairman's Report

The Chairman indicated she would be out of town at the end of June.

9. Executive Director Report

A. and B. The executive director reported that as of April 30, 2005, the Board had collected 85% of projected revenue. He stated that expenditures were within the target range and 13% of the FY 2005 appropriation was not yet expended. Mr. Imig explained that he had ordered a postage meter that should allow the Board to realize a savings in postage costs. The Department of Administration charges a 14% premium to provide postage services. Mr. Imig explained that FY 2004 funds must be used before June 30.

C. Mr. Imig briefly discussed an ongoing criminal investigation within the City of Parker regarding an unlicensed acupuncturist. Another investigation is ongoing concerning an unlicensed individual in Pinal County. The Board will wait for the county to complete its investigation. He stated that the Board had completed four investigations in the current fiscal year.

10. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

11. Future Meeting Dates

A meeting scheduled for June 22, 2005 has been cancelled and a meeting will be held on June 14, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

12. Call to the Public

There were no public comments.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned following a motion by Mr. Nichols that was seconded by Mr. Balensi. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer
Board Assistant